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Period for Reply

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 8/15/02.
- ☐ This action is FINAL.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 7-10, 12 is/are pending in the application.
- ☐ Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 7-10, 12 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 - ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
 - ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 1.7.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Appeal Brief

1. This communication is issued in response to applicant's Appeal Brief(Paper #18) forwarded to Examiner on 8/15/02.
2. Prosecution is reopened.
3. Claims 1-3, 7-10, 12 are pending on appeal.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

5. Independent claims 1,8 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s) at the time the application was filed, indeed had possession of the claimed invention. In particular, claims 1,8 are rejected herein under 35 USC 112, first paragraph for the reasons set forth in the ensuing objection to the specification.

The specification is objected to under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to support the subject matter set forth in the claims. The specification as originally filed does not provide support for the invention as now claimed.

The test to be applied under the written description portion of 35 USC 112, first paragraph, is whether the disclosure of the application as originally filed reasonably convey to the artisan

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that the inventor had actual possession at that time of later claimed subject matter. Vas-Cat, Inc. v. Mahurkar, 935 F.2d 1555, 1565, 19 USPQ2d 111, 1118 (Fed. Cir. 1991), reh'g denied (Fed. Cir. July 8, 1991) reh'g en banc denied (Fed. Cir. July 29, 1991).

Claims 1,8 include the limitation “ automatically transmitting the collected vehicle information to an appropriate licensing agency to facilitate licensing of the vehicle” and “receiving a completed application form from the user including licensing information associated with a vehicle being purchased or leased” and “an information field in which the user designates a particular financial institution or service provider, and an information field in which licensing information associated with the vehicle being purchased or leased is input”. However, the specification does not providing a written or enabling disclosure to support these steps cited with respect to the element “licensing information”.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1-3, 7-10,12 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeFrancesco(US Pat. No: 5,878,403) in view of Bennett(US Pat. No: 6,092,121) and further in

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view of Mulqueen(Communications Week "Users Test Real-Time Car Registration)(n454/p15) (May 17,1993). The rejections as cited in the Final Office action are maintained and repeated.

DeFrancesco teaches an Internet based method and system for electronic credit/loan applications as addressed in paragraph 1 of Paper #10, incorporating discussion of paragraph 6 of Paper #7, including receiving a completed application that includes licensing information (VIN)(col 12 line 24 et seq.) as well as disclosing authorization to receive forms, encryption, and insurance information collection. DeFrancesco does not specifically disclose transmitting licensing information to a licensing agency to facilitate vehicle licensing and reformatting application information. Bennett discloses an Internet-based method and system for electronic credit/loan applications, including which includes transmitting licensing information to an appropriate licensing agency(DMV)(col 5 line 20 et seq.) and data reformatting information(facsimile transmissions for service providers)(col 5 line 5 et seq)(col 5 line 23 et seq.).Bennett further teaches that data reformatting for processing by designated institutes or providers furnishes a necessary means for communicating sales and relevent data to service providers(DMV, finance and credit report entities)(col 1 line 65 et seq)(col 3 line 25 et seq)(col 5 line 37 et seq) as well as increasing customer satsrification through streamlined loan application processong in conjunction with vehicle sales through the transmission of licensing information to a licensing agency(col 5 lines 14 et seq.)It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skil in the art at the time of the invention to combine DeFransco in view of Bennett to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a reliable and secure means of transmission of financial information over the

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Internet in a transaction processing system as applied to credit/loan applications as enunciated by Bennett(col 1 lines 63-65). Bennett does not necessarily teach real time processing. Mulqueen teaches registration of cars and trucks in real time(page 1).It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine DeFrancesco in view of Bennett and further in view of Mulqueen to teach applicant's invention. The motivation to combine is to teach a secure communications system utilized in information transdmission over the Internet for a financial transaction processing system incorporating the registration of vehicles in real time as enunciated by Mulqueen(page 1).

Conclusion

8. THIS ACTION IS MADE NON-FINAL.

9. Any questions concerning this communication should be addressed to the examiner of record, Dr. Geoffrey Akers, P.E., who can be reached between 6:30 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday at 703-306-5844. If attempts to contact the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's superior, Mr. Vincent Millin, SPE, may be telephoned at (703)-308-1065.

The fax number for Formal or Official faxes and Draft or Informal faxes to Technology Center 3600 or this Art Unit is (703)-308-3687. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)-308-1113.


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